

Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1245. An act to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region.

S. 2516. An act to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2632. An act to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3022. An act to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3682. An act to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4926. An act to establish a grant program for automated external defibrillators in elementary and secondary schools.

H. R. 5524. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5569. An act to extend for 5 years the EB-5 regional center pilot program, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5593. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act.

H.R. 5683. An act to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5778. An act to preserve the independence of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority.

H.R. 5938. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide secret service protection to former Vice Presidents, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2632. An act to establish the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in San Miguel County, New Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3022. An act to designate the John Krebs Wilderness in the State of California, to add certain land to the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilderness, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3682. An act to designate certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, as wilderness, to designate certain river segments in Riverside County as a wild, scenic, or recreational river, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4926. An act to establish a grant program for automated external defibrillators in elementary and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 5593. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to make technical amendments

to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5683. An act to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5938. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide secret service protection to former Vice Presidents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5524. An act to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 10, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2420. An act to encourage the donation of excess food to nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to food-insecure people in the United States in contracts entered into by executive agencies for the provision, service, or sale of food.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6540. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pistachios Grown in California; Changes in Handling Requirements" (Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0082) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6541. A communication from the President, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2007 management report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6542. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marine Mammal; Incidental Take During Species Activities (Chukchi Sea)" (RIN1018-AU41) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6543. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Research Credit Claims Audit Techniques Guide: Credit for Increasing Research Activities" (LMSB-04-0508-030) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6544. A communication from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period ending March

31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6545. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report for the period from October 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6546. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, received on June 3, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6547. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer of the Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in Ex Parte Appeals" (RIN0651-AC12) received on June 4, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-368. A letter from a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives relative to the economy; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-369. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio urging Congress to enact the Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2007, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 100

Whereas, the National Center for Health Statistics at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, and its prevalence increases with age. Medicare beneficiaries account for half of all cancer patients, and more than 700,000 beneficiaries are newly diagnosed with some form of cancer every year; and

Whereas, community cancer clinics, free-standing outpatient facilities where cancer care is delivered in physician offices, play an important role in winning the war on cancer. According to the American Society of Clinical Oncology, these clinics treat over 80% of Americans with cancer, providing patients with early diagnosis, effective cancer therapies, and innovative supportive care that reduce fatigue, nausea and vomiting, and pain; and

Whereas, while the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. No. 108-173) enacted Medicare Part D, a welcomed drug benefit for America's seniors, it created a severe reduction in Medicare's reimbursement for oncology treatment. According to a July 2007 press release issued by Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA), one of the sponsors of the Senate version of the Community Cancer Care Preservation Act of 2007 (S. 1750 of the 110th Congress), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has reduced Medicare payments to community cancer care clinics by approximately three to four hundred million dollars since 2005. A 2007 analysis by the accounting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, predicts reimbursement reductions of \$13.8 billion over ten years; and

Whereas, the Ohio West Virginia Hematology Oncology Society asserts that the reduction in Medicare reimbursements for community cancer care clinics has resulted